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### Around the Neighborhood: Garden Luncheon, Planned Picnic and Poorly Parked Cars

by Gerry L. Galvan

Some Visitacion Valley residents have been complaining about wayward motorists who shamelessly continue to park their vehicles on their private property, only to find authorities unable to tow it away.

In one example involves a brown Capri on Leland Avenue near Sawyer Street which one witness said was parked on the sidewalk more than a year ago. After repeated written requests by one property owner to "please move this car away" failed, a report to the San Francisco police only added to the frustration when it was explained that the City doesn't tow away cars from private property.

#### SUCCESSFUL TENURE

1) Having successfully completed nine years of service at Visitacion Valley Elementary School, Principal Vincent Chao has been guiding the 1998 summer school at the Commodore Stockton Elementary School on Clay Street.

#### ANNUAL KING LUNCHEON

John King Senior Center hosted its annual luncheon June 17 at its adjoining garden at the end of Leland Avenue. Administrative assistant Fred Ross from Representative Nancy Pelosi's office joined regulars sharing life's blessings.

#### CHURCH PICNIC

St. James Presbyterian Church, which celebrated its 92nd year of existence last April, ushered in its newly-formed Men and Women of Saint James with a planned picnic at Crystal Springs scheduled for Aug. 1. St. James conducted its yearly Daily Vocational Bible School on June 22-26 with a record number of youth.

#### BANK ROBBER CAPTURED

A young woman who S.F. Police immediately apprehended and identified as a Filipino wayward had robbed Bank of America's 6 Leland Avenue branch in June when business was light. Bank manager Colleen San Diego explained that police had handled the case adequately.



Valley resident John King (left) stressed a few important points during a recent downtown meeting at Representative Pelosi's office.



Daily Vacation Bible School youth sang during a recent function at St. James Presbyterian Church.



Despite repeated requests by property owners, the owner of the vehicle parked on the sidewalk has left the vehicle there for more than a year.

Photos: Gerry L. Galvan

## Non-Public Sector Joint-Ventures Success Stories at "Little Vis"

by Vincent Chao, Principal  
Visitacion Valley Elementary School

As California is still 43rd in the nation in funding our public schools, educators have to work on forming partnerships with businesses, non-profit community-based agencies and private individuals to develop projects to enhance the learning of our students. Following are a few success stories of these joint ventures at Visitacion Valley Elementary School during the 1997-98 school year:

\**Nationwide Papers*: Through the San Francisco School Volunteers, Inc., this corporation with a branch office in the Vis Valley neighborhood adopted our school seven years ago. In fact, one of their departed managers, Mr. Rene McClain attended our school and has fond memories of some of his teachers and education experiences there.

Because the company is short of manpower, it has dropped the tutoring project and continues to sponsor our multicultural dance performance program and Thanksgiving Food Basket drive each year.

\**Double Rainbow Ice Cream*: Ms. Gail Howell, manager of this 22 year-old gourmet ice cream manufacturing company, with about 100 cafes in the Bay Area and many more stores in the Los Angeles and Chicago areas and on the East Coast, has been a loyal supporter of our *Citizenship Enhancement* program for more than nine years. Winning classes are treated to this delicious ice cream each semester, compliment of Double Rainbow. Recently, it has expanded its sponsorship

to all classes with perfect attendance and then, those with perfect punctuality. With such yummy rewards, these programs have been so successful that ice cream has been served to nearly a thousand children this past year.

\**Jamison & Cawdry Advertising Co.*: Mr. David Jamison who grew up in this neighborhood has adopted our school after spending half a day there as *principal-for-the-day*, shadowing the school principal to get a feel of what it's like to lead an inner city public school, in 1995. He's been back to visit many times since, and has contributed to many of our projects, including putting up a billboard along Bayshore Boulevard displaying our students' art work to promote reading and other education and family values, a mural in the school playground to

celebrate the diversity of our student population, a school yearbook, etc.

A member of the S.F. Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Mr. Jamison has promised to take on another challenge next school year: help the school get donations of quality used computers for our classrooms that just got networked thanks to some state funding, from the private sector. A dozen of our students interested in graphic arts are invited to tour the offices of this advertising company located on the 14th floor of the St. Francis Hotel this Fall, and learn more about the advertising business and graphic arts.

\**J&H Marsh and McLennan*: Junior Achievement helped coordinate

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### Judge Again Throws Out English-Only Test

The State of California lost its second bid to force the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to administer an achievement test in English to its limited English speaking students. State Superior Court Judge David Garcia denied the State's request to reconsider his May 22, 1998 ruling in favor of the SFUSD. His decision reaffirms the original ruling and strengthens SFUSD's counter-complaint which will be heard on July 16.

The STAR test results are meaningless and should not be taken into account on anyone's permanent record," said Bill Rojas, San Francisco superintendent of schools. "The court already ruled that it was inappropriate to test limited English speaking students. Now we are going to prove that the test was also unfair to native English speaking students. How can districts be held accountable to standards which do not exist?"

## Britton Housing Funds Requested

In June the City and County of San Francisco submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to undertake a project known as Britton Street Family Housing, for the purpose of its construction at 150 Britton St.

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required.

This proposed project contains 92-units of mixed income, low density family housing, a community center and a 40-child day care center. It includes 46 units with project-based rental subsidies to make them affordable to very low income tenants, and 46 units which will be offered at below-market rents under the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

The project consists of 63 two-bedroom units, 21 three-bedroom units, and 8 four-bedroom units. Former Geneva Towers residents will have the first right to occupy 91 of the completed units.

### Caltrans Sued Over Central Freeway

Two San Francisco neighborhood organizations and nine local residents have sued Caltrans over its failure to study the environmental impacts of the Central Freeway Project.

In late May, Caltrans determined the project was exempt from environmental review under California law because it was an earthquake retrofit. It is this determination that is under challenge. The neighborhood organizations and the individuals have petitioned for a writ of mandate that would overturn the Caltrans determination and require the project to undergo review of environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

"We believe the exemption decision by Caltrans was wrong," said attorney Karl Morthole of Morthole & Zeppetello, the San Francisco environmental law firm representing the petitioners. "Caltrans has taken certain narrow provisions of the Street and Highway Code, which strictly cover only earthquake repairs, and tried to apply them to the Central Freeway Project, which goes well beyond freeway repairs."

An environmental assessment conducted under federal law and finally issued last March was not sufficient, in the view of petitioners for at least

Plans for the 3.68 acre vacant site includes two private streets accessible from Sunnydale Avenue on the south. The project will be developed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) consistent with the site's RH-I Residential, one family zoning and the City's Conditional Use Permit, issued on Dec. 19, 1996 as amended.

Private parking will be on site at 1:1 ratio in carparks, with 89 additional guest parking spaces on site. All units will have private outdoor open space either at ground level or on decks.

Community facilities include a 1,312 square foot day care for 40 children with a 2,480 square foot outdoor play area and a 1,743 square foot community building. It will also be accessible to residents and the neighborhood directly off Sunnydale Avenue.

Total cost of the project will be approximately \$17 million, of which approximately \$850,800 will come from HUD. Community Development Block Grant allocations to the City & County of San Francisco, and \$4,466,856 will come from the HOME Program.

In addition, over a period of 15 years, the project is expected to receive \$11,896,200 in HUD Section 8 Program funds which keep rents affordable to very low income persons by providing monthly rental assistance.

Project sponsor is the Housing Conservation and Development Corporation (HCDC) and Meea Kang is the project manager.

### Caltrans Sued Over Central Freeway

Three reasons. First, there was no consideration whatsoever on the impacts of a low-and moderate-income residential project located between Valencia, McCoppin, Stevenson, and Duboce Streets. Second, the final federal report was not sufficiently responsive to comments of serious adverse impacts—dust, noise, safety, vibration and general neighborhood deterioration—due to huge traffic increases on Oak and Fell streets and elsewhere in the area, all the way to Golden Gate Park. Third, unlike California law, the federal law does not legally require that adverse impacts be mitigated to the extent feasible.

"Our clients would like to have the project reviewed under the more demanding requirements of California law, this is why the suit has been brought," said Morthole.

The lawsuit was filed in California Supreme Court and given the case number 996065 after being served by mail upon the Director of Caltrans, as required by CEQA. After service upon the Attorney General, preparation of the administrative record and certain other procedural requirements, there will be a hearing in the Writs and Receivers Department of the Superior Court to decide the issues raised in the suit.

### City-Wide Garage Sale for Brisbane Library

Everyone is welcome to Brisbane's First Annual City-Wide Garage Sale to benefit the Friends of the Brisbane Library that will take place Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents of the city, the Brisbane Library, and many businesses located in the Crocker Industrial Park will be participating in the event. To help buyers locate various garage sale sites, a map and directory will be distributed

the day of the sale at the entrance to the city and at the entry to the Crocker Industrial Park. This directory will list each participant's address and contain a brief description of their sale items.

On July 11, the Brisbane Library at 250 Visitacion will be selling a wide selection of titles at exceptional savings with most books tagged at 25 cents for small paperbacks, and 50 cents for large paperbacks and hardcovers.

### One Month After the Implosion



With the north building completely removed by June 16, half of the cleanup from the May 16 implosion of Geneva Towers was completed. Concrete removed from the site is being recycled for use along freeways. More pictures on page 5.

**Grapevine  
Mailbox****A Possible Information Project for Visitacion Valley**

Following is a letter addressed to Visitacion Valley Task Force acting chair Joel Tate from San Francisco Urban Institute.

Dear Joel

From my perspective one of the Valley's most pressing needs is for precise, detailed information about the Valley's residents: what they think, how they feel, and what they want. Just in terms of demographic information, data from the 1990 census is too old to be useful at this end of the decade. We do not know very much about those who have moved into the Valley since 1990.

The Valley also does not have detailed information about the needs of former residents who will soon return to the Valley as residents of the new Heritage Homes and Britton Street units. The Geneva Valley Development Corporation is in touch with all those returning residents and can gather information on their current situations, future plans, and needs, but, as far as I know, there is no plan to coordinate that information-gathering effort with any Valley-wide information-gathering project.

Also in the next several years the Valley will experience an influx of residents 65 years of age and older who will occupy units in a new senior housing complex on Raymond Street and additional residents in Sunnyside when the Housing Authority refurbishes those units. It would be useful for planning services and thinking about the Valley's future to develop a profile on who those new residents are likely to be and estimate their needs.

I would like to encourage (and contribute to) a comprehensive information-gathering project in Visitacion Valley. As I imagine it, the goal of such a project would be five fold:

1) To give the residents a very clear view of who lives in this neighborhood and what they need so they feel empowered to speak with a more unified voice to funders and service providers.

2) To give residents a clearer sense of who their neighbors are so they have a firmer foundation for cross-cultural dialogue of the kind that will soften the racial and cultural diversions that I still perceive within the neighborhood.

3) To increase the neighborhood's capacity to take care of itself by providing it with added tools and expertise to make the best decisions possible about its own future.

4) To enhance partnerships between the community, its funders (primarily city and federal agencies), its allies and advocates, including the university and CBOs such as CAA.

5) To provide accurate information to those who fund services so that they can make well informed decisions about the mix and level of services most appropriate for the Valley and where those services should ideally be located.

I believe a survey process could be designed to meet all the objectives listed above. It would, in my view not look anything like an "academic study" in which survey researchers from outside the community come to collect information. Instead, it would be a process in which the neighborhood itself gathered the data. In that context university faculty, students and others might be useful in establishing guidelines for information gathering and analysis, but the process would be carried out primarily by community leaders and residents and would remain in their control.

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**STAGE II: Survey Implementation and Analysis**

Surveying will include focus groups, informal assessments, door-to-door canvassing, whatever mechanisms the project leaders believe will serve the goals of the project. While the survey process should be sufficiently formal to produce reliable information, the process should be designed to enrich the participants and augment their sense of community and mutual exploration. Surveying should be done in as many languages and dialects as necessary to ensure that all residents who wish to participate can be surveyed successfully. If the surveyors include students, faculty or other participants outside the community, survey teams should always include and be governed by their understanding of their neighborhood. The surveying may best be done in miniature survey areas, essentially block by block.

Data analysis should be a participatory process. Those who wish to participate in the analytic process will be encouraged to do so, and the nature of the analysis should be made as transparent as possible to all interested participants. Where computer tools such as GIS mapping and statistical software are used, an effort will be made to train residents to understand the process, participate in the analysis and use the tools. Such informal training, if appropriate, may be followed up with more formal classes on survey research taught in neighborhood locations as part of larger education, training and employment programs. Wherever necessary, the efficiency of data gathering and analysis will be subordinated to opportunities for intra-community dialogue, education, training, empowerment, community building, and information sharing among partners, funders, stakeholders, and community participants.

**STAGE I: Post Survey Follow-up**

Groups of project leaders, community leaders and technical assistants will create a summary of the information and analysis to be shared with partners, funders, stakeholders, and other interested parties. Wherever appropriate the information and analysis will be accompanied by specific recommendations for changes in funding levels, mix of services, or other choices made by funders with input from the neighborhood.

Project leaders must make a concerted effort to see that recommendations accompanying the survey results lead to changes in the allocation of funds by city agencies. To the extent that city agencies and other funders committed themselves to the project at the beginning, they should be prepared to respond at the end. Project leaders must be able to refer to clear and explicit agreements forged at the beginning of the project to ensure that recommendations that flow from the project will weigh heavily in the decisions made by funders when the results are known.

Within the neighborhood, the information and analysis would be shared in group settings—some mono-cultural, some poly-cultural—as a means of stimulating debate about a range of issues related to services, short and long-range community goals, inter-group communication, leadership, shared decision-making, and so on. Some of these issues are currently debated in meetings of the Visitacion Valley Task Force and many *ad hoc* meetings on housing and services, but the discussions are, in my experience, sporadic and do not always include complete cross-section of the community. If the survey and follow-up processes are successful as an empowerment exercise, they will help establish in the community many of the skills and techniques for on-going self-review and amplify the neighborhood's capacity for inter-community communication, decision making, and equal-status partnership with its funders.

Gilbert Robinson, Professor  
Associate Director  
San Francisco Urban Institute

**Extra Copies Still Available of Grapevine Implosion Edition**

Extra Copies of the June 1998 Visitacion Valley Grapevine chronicling the historic May 16 implosion of Geveva Towers are still available. By mail they are 75 cents each or two for \$1 while the supply lasts. Send to: Grapevine, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134

**Support for Change Of Police Boundaries**

Following is a letter sent to San Francisco Police Chief Fred Lau from the Visitacion Valley Task Force requesting support for a change of boundaries for the Ingleside Police District which affects Visitacion Valley, and for additional police to patrol within the proposed new area.

Dear Police Chief Lau:

According to the Visitacion Valley Task Force neighborhood survey, safety is the number one issue in the Valley for all our residents.

Therefore, on behalf of the Visitacion Valley Task Force, I would like to commend Captain Rick Bruce of the Ingleside Police Station and Captain Sylvia Harper of the Bayview Station for their outstanding efforts to address the issue of safety in our community.

**America's War Campaign on Exhibit**

through Aug. 6 at the Main Library

Originating from the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution, this exhibition and program series on the World War II eviction and incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry, will offer Library patrons an informative look at hardships that Japanese Americans endured during World War II.

*A More Perfect Union* has multiple program components that will examine and reflect upon the internment experience, the effort to redress and the present-day relevance of the internment's constitutional issues.

Significant emphasis is given to children's programs for this series in an effort to create better understanding of the ramifications of the Japanese internment.

**Leftover Food: It's a Resource**

by David Assmann,  
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San Francisco Recycling Program

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates, more than one-quarter of all food produced for human consumption is thrown out as solid waste. In San Francisco, we throw away more than 650,000 pounds of food a day—much of which is still edible. Yet while 27% of the food delivered to San Francisco ends up in the landfill, 90,000 people in San Francisco are at risk of going hungry each month.

With the help of community groups and the food industry, however, much of this wasted food can be used to help end hunger in San Francisco. Whether it's a few servings of prepared dishes or a large volume of surplus food—Food Runners and the San Francisco Food Bank can redistribute edible food to those in need. Both organizations collect food from the community and distribute it to over 300 agencies in San Francisco. These agencies include soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, community centers, AIDS service providers, senior centers and after school programs.

Donors of food are protected from liability by "The Good Samaritan Law," passed in California in 1988. This law protects food businesses that donate surplus food to non-profit organizations.

Food Runners (929-1866) collects prepared and perishable food from restaurants, caterers, hotels and businesses and immediately delivers this food to a shelter or food assistance program. Food Runners offers seven day a week pick-up service between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

The San Francisco Food Bank (957-1076) collects perishable fresh produce and bread as well as packaged food from markets, processors, community groups, congregations, farmers and individuals. The food is stored at the Food Bank's warehouse where agencies visit weekly to select fresh produce and packaged food for meal programs and pantries. The Food Bank offers pick-up service between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Small quantities of packaged food can be dropped off at the San Francisco Food Bank warehouse at 333 Illinois St (weekdays - 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Leftover food that is not edible, along with non-edible trimmings such as peelings, etc., is also a resource that can be recycled through a process called composting. Carrot peels, cof-

fee grounds and yard clippings can become a usable soil amendment through composting. And composting is not just for residents with yards. An attractive earthworm box can easily fit under a table, in your kitchen or on your balcony.

A 2-by-2 foot worm bin can take care of all the fruit and vegetable food scraps from a two person household. The compost you generate can be used for house plants, placed around street trees or be given to friends with plants or gardens.

If you have a yard and a place for a compost bin, all you need to do is place compostable materials (such as sawdust, lawn clippings, small twigs and branches, and food wastes such as leftovers from salad preparations, egg shells, vegetable peels, and coffee grounds) in the bin and within a few months, you'll get a crumbly, brown, sweet-smelling material that can be used as a soil amendment for your garden and container plants.

By making your own compost, you can spend less or no money on fertilizers. Compost increases soil fertility, making your plants healthier. In times of drought, compost also helps retain soil moisture, lowering your watering needs.

So how do you start composting? You may wish to start by attending a free workshop. The San Francisco Recycling Program sponsors free workshops on composting, conducted by the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). In July, you have a choice of three Saturday morning workshops (July 11, 18 or 25) from 10 am to 12 noon at SLUG's Garden for the Environment. The Garden for the Environment is located at 7th and Lawton in the Sunset District and has a number of composting systems on display. The July 11th workshop also focuses on container gardening.

If you already know you want to start composting and you're looking for a high-quality, low-cost compost bin, the San Francisco Recycling Program is offering the Earth Machine to San Francisco residents at a 79 percent savings. For \$19.50, you can purchase a \$90 compost bin at any Cole Hardware store.

For more information on compost bins, to register for any of the free workshops, or to receive a set of free brochures on composting, including *Basic Composting, Worm Composting & Other Methods*, and *Compost Bins-Sources & Designs*, call SLUG at 285-7585.

***It Was Once the "End of the Line"***

A faint five in the paint still identifies the Five Mile House at San Bruno Avenue and Wilde Street as the terminal where passengers would board streetcars heading to the Ferry Building.

**State Reports on Median Income for 1996**

Californians filed approximately 12.7 million 1996 state income tax returns with the Franchise Tax Board (FTB), reporting nearly \$604 billion of adjusted gross income.

Adjusted gross income is an income tax term that means gross income minus specific tax deductions. This is a 13.3 percent increase over 1995's reported \$533 billion, according to FTB.

Statewide, the median income on all returns was \$25,336, an increase of 5 percent over 1995's median income amount.

For joint returns, the statewide median income was \$46,243, a 7.5 percent increase over the 1995 income amounts.

Median income is the point where one-half of the tax returns are above and one-half are below the midpoint. Median income represents the income reported by a typical California individual or couple.

Personal Income Tax Statistics  
COMPARISON BY COUNTY  
1996 Taxable Year

COUNTY	Population July 1, 1996	All Returns-Taxable and NonTaxable		Joint Returns		Tax Assessed (Thousands)
		Number of Returns	AGI (Thousands)	Median Income	Rank	
Alameda	1,265,000	564,188	\$25,862,269	\$25,620	5	\$1,021,271
Alpine	1,070	2,000	8,377	2,472	20	1,164
Amador	32,860	12,277	443,053	18,804	18	8,609
Butte	196,500	67,738	2,034,269	20,609	43	31,857
Calaveras	36,900	14,341	471,541	34,874	19	8,092
Colusa	18,250	7,424	201,037	17,140	57	3,878
Contra Costa	877,000	372,961	30,489,484	34,281	2	107,396
Del Norte	27,500	7,584	317,610	21,710	39	3,921
El Dorado	144,700	48,613	3,177,435	31,752	5	27,285
Fresno	769,700	251,122	7,977,407	19,719	50	107,711
Glenn	20,700	9,244	246,657	16,872	55	4,741
Humboldt	123,100	45,864	1,358,462	21,347	41	20,205
Imperial	141,200	44,131	1,109,359	15,531	58	34,075
Inyo	16,250	3,471	348,117	22,902	33	3,854
Kern	824,100	194,532	6,411,332	31,944	37	92,876
Kings	115,700	32,264	921,905	19,968	46	15,326
Lake	54,000	16,153	503,749	19,902	47	9,061
Lassen	33,200	9,934	3,177,435	17,140	57	3,189
Los Angeles	9,396,400	334,9710	138,508,025	22,158	35	1,317,871
Madera	110,500	36,113	1,033,128	19,170	53	17,849
Mari-	208,500	117,565	8,654,216	16,854	1	44,948
Marin	151,950	53,804	21,924	16,949	28	72,953
Mendocino	84,809	34,781	1,740,140	21,642	36	3,025
Mercer	199,500	59,987	961,447	20,779	42	14,729
Mendocino	10,000	2,877	2,079,809	19,764	49	2,079,809
Mono	10,500	4,483	133,819	19,808	45	1,793
Monterey	560,200	138,148	5,053,178	21,924	36	56,969
Napa	119,000	47,034	2,051,030	21,212	13	21,303
Nevada	67,100	13,781	1,354,869	25,156	18	17,722
Orange	2,649,500	1,097,558	51,404,847	27,203	14	459,893
Placer	209,200	101,219	4,370,061	28,823	9	50,523
Plumas	20,250	7,400	230,747	33,643	28	4,030
Riverside	1,393,300	485,387	15,924,045	23,166	50	221,232
Sacramento	1,132,100	431,230	18,169,814	27,277	12	177,003
San Benito	44,600	17,627	61,799	23,832	29	6,390
San Bernardino	1,592,600	510,615	17,524,124	34,702	21	238,270
San Diego	2,894,000	1,014,658	40,799,532	34,329	22	43,000
San Francisco	788,200	350,296	19,130,044	20,900	15	100,258
San Joaquin	533,200	175,564	6,104,708	24,160	25	82,178
San Luis Obispo	250,700	87,630	3,110,165	24,122	28	40,733
San Mateo	599,000	314,018	20,614,491	23,147	4	130,677
Santa Barbara	332,200	151,413	3,818,265	23,806	27	54,318
Santa Clara	634,300	230,299	42,537,783	22,513	3	29,799
Santa Cruz	243,600	107,068	4,446,713	24,325	24	41,120
Santa Cruz	161,700	57,369	1,843,799	22,550	34	29,997
Santa Clara	3,350	1,208	40,885	25,755	17	635
Santa Clara	64,000	18,178	442,452	19,684	51	5,643
Santa Clara	372,500	156,246	5,514,909	29,717	6	6,371
Santa Clara	424,500	183,451	7,430,970	37,440	10	78,528
Santa Clara	419,500	144,398	4,751,077	22,811	33	89,548
Santa Clara	74,600	26,827	835,758	31,907	40	14,127
Santa Clara	54,400	16,449	438,564	18,960	54	8,529
Santa Clara	13,350	4,367	123,790	19,970	45	2,315
Santa Clara	353,000	112,068	3,038,840	17,213	36	51,141
Santa Clara	51,600	18,598	600,363	23,130	31	9,802
Santa Clara	714,500	303,838	12,857,565	27,534	9	130,354
Santa Clara	152,500	57,731	2,198,997	24,327	33	24,600
Santa Clara	60,500	18,973	451,273	19,982	44	8,668
Santa Clara	-	31,124	1,220,070	16,471	-	9,784
Santa Clara	-	98,507	4,849,009	20,198	-	31,398
Santa Clara	-	340,482	70,640,199	45,830	-	194,150
TOTAL	32,383,000	12,212,052	\$520,787,792	-	-	\$20,369,878
56 Counties	-	-	13,880,145	-	-	831,168,878

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Quarterly Report Data (January-March 1998)**

The City and County of San Francisco is the legal operator of the San Francisco Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 501 Tunnel Ave. Each quarter, the City publicizes information on paint and solvent emissions from the facility as well as other facility data shown below.

**Household Hazardous Waste Days**

Days of Operation: Thursday-Saturday of every week (except holidays)

Average Emissions: 1.42 pounds per day

Highest Emissions: 2.67 pounds per day

Number of Participants: 2,440 residents

**Small Business Drop Off Days**

Days of Operation: 1/28/98, 2/25/98, 3/25/98

Average Emissions: 6.40 pounds per day

Highest Emissions: 7.68 pounds on 2/25/98

Number of Participants: 156 businesses

**Total Waste Volumes**

Total Amount of waste recycled or shipped out: 170,451.2 pounds

Maximum amount stored: 4,774 gallons on 2/25/98

Next Meeting: The next Community/Norcal/City meeting is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., July 22, 1998 at Schlage Lock Company, 2401 Bayshore Blvd. in San Francisco. The public is welcome. Summaries of these quarterly meetings are published in the Visitacion Valley Grapevine and the S.F. Independent.

Posted by Paul Fresina, San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program on July 10th, 1998. Phone 415-554-1662.

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The City and County of San Francisco Mayor's

**Citizens' Committee on Community Development**

is sponsoring four community forums for collecting citizen input that will be used in decisions regarding 1999 programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant, the Emergency Shelter Grant and the Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME).

These forums are being held to provide an opportunity for residents to submit testimony on the strengths and weaknesses of neighborhood programs that support the following three priorities

- preservation of existing or development of new affordable housing;
- creation, retention or expansion of small business & economic development;
- workforce development (support for employment of lower income persons).

In person or written testimony should address one or more of the following questions:

- Which lower income residents in your neighborhood are underserved or not being served?
- Based on the three program priorities (listed above), what services or facilities do you feel are inadequate in your neighborhood?
- Considering these underserved populations and service delivery deficiencies and prospect of limited future resources, what funding strategies would you recommend?

**Mayor's Office of Community Development and the Mayor's Office of Housing Community Forums**

Tuesday July 14 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Thursday July 16
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## Committee to Stop the Giveaway Barred from Turning in Petitions

by Doug Comstock

If you think there is something very wrong with City Hall, you can collect signatures and take it to the people for a vote, right? Wrong.

Proponents of the repeal of D and F (Candlestick stadium/mall) have been barred from turning in petitions that otherwise qualify because their reasons for doing so are incorrect. Since they stated in their *Notice of Intent* that the controversial election was "fundamentally flawed" and that the voting procedure denied San Franciscans "secrecy on the ballot."

In an unprecedented decision, San Francisco Superior Court Judge Raymond Williamson ruled June 19 that the *Notice of Intent*, a heretofore unaltered statement by petition proponents setting out the reasons for bringing the issue to the voters, must pass a test of correctness and that the content of the *Notice*, if not approved by the judiciary, may be a basis to void the entire endeavor. This new burden will discourage the initiative process because the proponents, who usually lack the funding to persuade elected officials to introduce their measures in the first place, must bear costs imposed by better funded opponents. Proponents of the petition to repeal D and F will appeal the decision. If Judge Williamson's ruling is upheld, proponents will be required to prove that their opinions pass a test of "Truthfulness" for which there are no guidelines and no legislated laws.

### Hearing on Fast Pass

There will be a Fast Pass hearing on Tuesday, July 14 at 5 p.m. at 401 Van Ness Ave., Room 404 where the public is invited to consider approval of a new monthly Premium Pass for \$45. This would allow unlimited trips on BART within San Francisco in addition to regular Fast Pass privileges on Muni.

There has been some recent confusion about the status of the Muni Fast Pass on BART. Although there had been much discussion about a July 1 termination date, a Fast Pass can still be used on BART within San Francisco.

Currently, the monthly Fast Pass price is still \$35, and this fare structure will remain in effect until a new pass is approved.

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## Hundreds of Valley Residents Served by ESL Classes

Following is a monitoring report on the Beacon/BESS ESL Program presented June 27 by a member of the Visitacion Valley Task Force.

by Marjorie Ann Williams

Even with our very busy work schedules, I was able to interview Marlene Tran, the present part-time coordinator of the ESL Program, about the status of the Beacon/BESS ESL Program briefly in May and more in length on June 21, 1998.

The Beacon/BESS ESL Program was started in 1996 with funding from the SF Enterprise Community to expand the ESL program in Visitacion Valley. The Spring 1998 semester had five class levels but only four classes in June serving between 140-165 students and their children.

The evening program at 66 Raymond Avenue is very busy. Students move tables to their rooms and look for chairs in which to sit when they come in later. There are some new students who come in almost every week. They ask for all kinds of help (filling out forms, counseling and class referrals, translations, service referrals and contacts, safety concerns, etc.). Therefore, even with a teaching assistant, it is hard to meet all their requests.

A child-watch service is also provided to encourage parents and babysitting grandparents to attend class. There are between 5 and 18 youngsters of different ages in each session.

Since there is a large population of non and limited-English speaking residents in Visitacion Valley, they need to learn English to be able to communicate with their neighbors at their work places and to get better jobs.

Many of them also need to learn English to pass Citizenship exams. This class is held on Sunday mornings. Recently, an 80-year-old student shed tears of joy when she became an

American citizen.

All classes are open to residents who need to learn English as a second language. Before June 1998, there was a morning class at the Beacon Center at Visitacion Valley Middle School (VVMS) from 9-11 a.m. This class and the upper levels of an evening program (6:30-9 p.m.) at Visitacion Valley Community Center (VVCC) have more diverse ethnic groups (such as Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Cambodian) but the very low levels have mostly Chinese students.

The majority of these adult students are more recent immigrants from China with very little English and transferable work skills. Many are shy and can hardly answer simple English questions. They just say, "Hi," smile and wave their hands to welcome people. Most work in minimum-paying jobs for long working hours. For this reason, some don't make it to class until a little after 6:30 p.m. The Literacy and Citizenship classes have a lot of retired seniors, but many of the younger female students in the other classes work in factories (garments and products) which don't need much English skills. Unfortunately, they get few opportunities to pick up English.

The male students are also mostly low-paying blue collar workers in factories and different trade jobs. Again, they too don't have much English contacts all day except during the 2-1/2 hours of ESL class time at night.

Last September, a Custodial/Janitorial class was started at VVCC to help students learn Vocational English skills. Both the ESL coordinator and the instructor, Pennie Lau, helped students with work contracts. As a result, a few students have been placed in a new line of work only after a few months there. Unfortunately, this class cannot continue in the summer because Enterprise funding has ended



Instructor Marlene Tran described the Valley's ESL program during a Task Force meeting on June 27.

Unlike the last two summers, there is no funding for the children's immersion program at VVMS either.

I think the ESL program is successful because it has served hundreds of residents in the Valley who really need to learn English so that we all can better communicate with each other and make friends.

The daily attendance has been so good that San Francisco City College has picked up instructional costs (except the newer, Enterprise-funded Custodial/Janitorial class) since 1997.

When the enterprise funding ends in June 1998, all the supplemental services, such as the teaching assistant, child watch and part-time coordinator positions will also end, making the daily operation of such an off-site program very difficult for the few, already overworked instructors.

Marlene said that after a few months of pleas with the CCSF Coordinator and the ESL Dean, there is a good chance that, at least, part of the present vocational education and even the teaching assistant positions may be restored for this fall.

and improve smoothness of driving on City streets.

### TREE PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Katz also introduced legislation June 16 increasing protection of all trees maintained by DPW. By amending the Public Works Code, this legislation would expand public notice for proposed tree removals from 10 to 30 days.

Notice will also be provided to neighbors on and across the block facing affected trees and interested organizations registered with the Department. Legislation also makes street removal permits requested by City agencies, commissions and departments subject to the same 30-day notice and appeal period and procedure that applies to DPW. It also urges the Post Commission to adopt similar notice and appeal procedures.

## Street Cut Coordination Legislation Introduced

"SF Supervisor Leslie Katz unveiled legislation June 18 mandating street cut coordination."

This legislation, which replaces the current Public Works Code excavation permitting program, is intended to improve coordination of street work, enhance public access to information about street work and minimize the impact of construction on neighborhood residents and businesses. It will also allow the City to recover costs incurred to repave streets that are damaged by excavation, and provide the City with a full range of enforcement mechanisms for violations of the excavation permit process.

"Disruption due to tearing up our streets affects every resident and business. DPW will also be required to prepare a 5-year street repaving plan and notify excavators of pending repaving projects 120 days prior to undertaking such work. Improved coordination is expected to reduce uneven pavement

## The Visitacion Valley Task Force and The Newly Formed Leland Avenue Merchants Association Invite You To An Important Meeting

With Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.,  
Supervisors Mabel Teng and Amos Brown

### Leland Avenue Community Meeting

Day/Date:

Thursday, July 23, 1998

Time:

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location:

Visitacion Valley Community Center

50 Raymond Avenue

Purpose:

To hear about current efforts and future commitments for the revitalization of Leland Avenue

In 1997, Mayor Brown directed the Mayor's Office of Community Development (MOCD) to assist the Visitacion Valley community and the merchants of Leland Avenue to develop a strategy to revitalize this important business corridor. Community leaders, along with MOCD and various city departments, have made significant progress on this project. Accomplishments to date as well as future commitments for the revitalization of Leland Avenue will be presented at this July 23rd meeting.

Please join us for this important meeting!

For more information, please contact Ms. Ann Williams at 467-7608 or 239-2877.

## Innovative Summer Program at Girls After School Academy

The Girls After School Academy (GASA) has an innovative *turf free* summer program open to female youth 8-19 in San Francisco.

Dynamic program leaders work closely with students providing personal enrichment experiences that reach beyond the agency's community of origin in Sunnydale to seek excellence in academic, political and social growth.

Project leaders coordinate student powered, community-building events by providing activities that enhance integrity, intellectual growth and social skills. These committed GASA leaders guide the progress of participants to become strong girls and powerful women.

For more information, contact Tesia Johnson at 406-1926.

## ZooFari at S.F. Zoo

Guests will experience up-close encounters with animals, tour open house areas and enjoy continuous live entertainment when the San Francisco Zoo hosts *Twilight ZooFari*, an ultimate after-hours adventure on Saturday, July 25 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Similar to the Zoo's annual Night Tour, a Members Only event, *Twilight ZooFari* is one of the Zoo's newest fund-raising events and is open to everyone on a ticketed basis. Featured highlights include behind-the-scenes visits with animals (including giraffes and rhinos), open house tours in the Zoo Hospital, Kitchen and Avian Conservation Center, special animal feedings, wildlife presentations and more.

A special barbecue dinner may be purchased and will be served at the Rainbow Meadow from 6 to 8:30 p.m., and all food and beverage sites will be open from 6 to 9 p.m.

*DanceFari 98* will take place in the Lion House from 8:30 to 11 p.m. where guests can rock, roll and stroll with the Big Cats to music provided by DJ Black of Sound Proof.

*Twilight ZooFari* tickets are \$15 for adults (13 and over) and \$5 for children. *DanceFari 98* tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, call 721-2623.

## Debris Removal Continues at Former Site of Geneva Towers



Looking northwest from Garrison Avenue on July 1, truckload after truckload of concrete continued to be removed from the former site of Geneva Towers.



A large pile of concrete to the right, the former Schwerin Street tower, continues to be fragmented for eventual loading and removal.



A shovel continues to dig at Garrison Avenue and Schwerin Street to prepare the area for excavation.



While the shovel was digging, a worker sprayed the area with water to reduce the amount of concrete dust getting into the air.

## Non-Public Sector Joint-Ventures Success Stories at "Little Vis"

From Page 1

one full day of classroom presentations by 14 of their staff members this Spring. Most of our students had the opportunity to learn more about business and entrepreneurship, thanks to this insurance brokerage firm, the world's largest one with 2,100 employees, and Junior Achievement. This program further enhances our Enterprise Community-funded school general store run by fourth and fifth-graders, with its profits used to purchase

supplies for our after-school tutorial program.

### \*AT&T and Bayac Americorps

\*Blue Shield: Thanks to a former president of our PTA, Mr. Carlos Ramirez who is an employee of this HMO, a lot of good quality used furniture and office equipment have been donated to the school over the years.

\*Private Donors: Some of these individuals prefer to remain anonymous, like the Dent family from Chevy Chase, Maryland who had paid for the subscription for the Scholastics Weekly Reader magazines for many years and contributed to the multicultural mural project, library books and computers for the classrooms. A neighbor has established an annual scholarship fund (the Cheryl

Wendy Hackett Awards) to reward two students from needy homes who have performed well academically and/or made the most improvements. The local Presbyterian Church has also rewarded our two top scholars each year with scholarships. The Ridgeview Church will also be sending senior volunteers to help with our after-school program this Fall, thanks to Rev. Lee and the S F Volunteer Center.

These partnerships, perhaps considered small by some folks, together help sustain and enhance quality education programs at "Little Vis" in these days of budget cuts. We are very grateful to all our partners for their generosity and interest in helping our youngsters. We are also thankful to the many city funded agencies like the Southeast

Family clinic, Health Center #3, the Mayor's Office of Community Development, the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, the Rec and Park Dept., etc. for providing the additional support to our neighborhood school.

### Kitten Foster Care

The San Francisco SPCA needs help from caring people in the community who can take in an orphaned young kitten for 2 to 4 weeks of foster care. S.F. SPCA will provide the food. Call 554-3084.

Visitacion Valley Grapevine can be found on the Internet at <http://home.earthlink.net/~visvalley>

## City Presents Environmental Awards



City employees proudly displayed their certificates commending them for solid and hazardous waste reduction efforts.

Twenty city employees and 16 elementary and high school students from San Francisco schools have been recognized by the Solid Waste management Program for their achievements in the areas of waste reduction, recycling, and hazardous waste management.

A special ceremony was held in the Green Room of 401 Van Ness to recognize eight students representing Lincoln High School, Lowell High School, Galileo High School, Lick-Wilmerding High School and Urban High School as Earth Corps 2000 members. These students served in seven elementary schools teaching their younger counterparts the importance of recycling. In addition, Argonne Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School and individual teachers from Laurel School and Potrero Hill Middle School received Certificates of Achievement from Paul Horcher, director of the Solid Waste

Management Program and Bill Lee, City Administrator. This is the seventh year recycling efforts are being rewarded in San Francisco schools.

At a separate event, 20 City employees representing seven City departments were honored in the Main Library for their solid and hazardous waste reduction efforts. The City departments included the Department of Public Works, Recreation & Park, the Airport, the Port, Department of Human Services, Muni, Purchasing, Animal Care & Control, Medical Examiner's Office, San Francisco General Hospital, Community Mental Health, Office of Citizens Complaints and War Memorial. Awardees were acknowledged for measures taken to reduce paint waste generated by 75 percent and pesticide use by 50 percent. This event marked the fifth combined awards ceremony for hazardous and solid waste reduction efforts by City employees.

## GREAT CAREERS START AT City College of San Francisco



Amy Kee, pursuing a new career at CCSF Environmental Horticulture and Floristry.



John Luna, City College alumnus, just graduated from UC Berkeley.



Jimmie Silas, with United Airlines, completed CCSF Aircraft Maintenance Tech program.



Linda Ware, CCSF graduate, mother of two, now earning a degree at Mills College.

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**Boz  
Who?**

Match quotes with speakers.

1 "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

2 "You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred."

3 "If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this thing is to be remembered."

4 "Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes."

5 "The point of living, and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come."

6 "Nothing in fine print is ever good news."

7 "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

8 "A radical is a man with both feet planted firmly in the air."

9 "The best is the enemy of the good."

A Edgar Allan Poe

B Andy Rooney

C Franklin D. Roosevelt

D Milton Berle

E Voltaire

F Ralph Waldo Emerson

G Peter Ustinov

H Woody Allen

I. George Burns

Answers: 1-D, 2-H, 3-A, 4-F, 5-G, 6-B, 7-I, 8-C, 9-E.

## This Month in S.F. History

JULY

- In 1860, a three-mile single track was completed by the San Francisco and Mission Railroad from the foot of Market St. to Mission Dolores. In 1899, after nearly 30 years of construction, the new City Hall at the corner of Market and McAllister Sts. was finally completed. It would last less than seven years due to heavy damage in the 1906 earthquake. In 1967, Bay Area Rapid Transit construction crews began excavating the dirt below the surface of Market St. for a subway system.
- In 1850, the Alta California, San Francisco's first daily newspaper, became the first California publication to be printed on steam-powered presses. In 1876, San Franciscans first witnessed a display of electric light, shown from the roof of St. Ignatius College.
- In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Observatory first opened its doors. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt sent the first message to the Philippine Islands on the new Pacific Cable. In 1907, Telegraph Hill's Pioneer Park was dedicated.
- In 1934, disgruntled City workers and po-

lice clashed in the general strike's "Bloody Thursday," resulting in two fatalities.

9: In 1846, a United States flag was first raised in San Francisco, then known as Yerba Buena.

13: In 1898, the Ferry Building at the foot of Market St. opened.

15: In 1917, a celebration was held at the west portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel to celebrate its completion.

17: In 1853, Bishop Alemany laid the cornerstone of Old St. Mary's Church at California St. and Grant Ave. (then Dupont St.) to commence construction.

19: In 1880, San Francisco opened its first lending library. In 1955, the Balchutha first tied up at Pier 43 as part of a floating museum.

23: In 1852, the Presidio's U.S. National Cemetery received its first interment.

25: In 1903, a mysterious fire destroyed the 21 year-old castle observatory at the peak of Telegraph Hill.

28: In 1849, the Merrimac made a 120-day voyage from New York, becoming the first clipper ship to arrive in San Francisco Bay.

29: In 1958, with dwindling patronage due mainly to the 22 year-old Bay Bridge, the Southern Pacific Bay Ferries discontinued service.

17 Time's Man of the Year

18. Secret government documents excerpted in the press.

A. Carly Simon

B. Colombo

C. San Francisco Giants

D. Water beds

E. All in the Family

F. Pittsburgh Pirates

G. Bussing

H. Cigarettes

I. Washington Senators

J. Milwaukee Bucks

K. Richard Nixon

L. Bangladesh

M. Patton

N. Pentagon Papers

O. Microprocessor

P. Osmond Brothers

Q. Look

R. Lew Alcindor

13-M, 14-P, 15-L, 16-A, 17-K, 18-N,

9-O, 7-C, 8-F, 9-E, 10-D, 11-B, 12-H,

Answers: 1-Q, 2-R, 3-J, 4-G, 5-L.

## Recipe of the Month

### HOBO BUNS

2 tbsp. mayonnaise or salad dressing; 1/2 tsp. prepared mustard; 3 Kaiser or French rolls, split; 2 slices bologna, 1 large tomato, sliced; 3 green pepper rings, 3 slices cheese.

Mix mayonnaise and mustard; spread over cut sides of rolls. Place bottom halves of rolls on serving plate. Top with bologna, tomato, green pepper, cheese, and top halves of rolls.

Microwave uncovered on high until cheese begins to melt, 1 to 1-1/2 minutes. Serves 3.

1. Popular weekly magazine is no more on Oct. 30.

2. Basketball's Most Valuable Player

3. And the championship team he played for

4. Now a regular happening around schools

5. On Mar. 26, a new country is established

6. Development of this made math easier

7. They won the National League West.

8. But they won the World Series.

9. On Jan. 1, Boy da way Glen Miller played

10. People started sleeping on these

11. He started solving crimes in a dirty trenchcoat.

12. On Jan. 2, no more TV advertising for these.

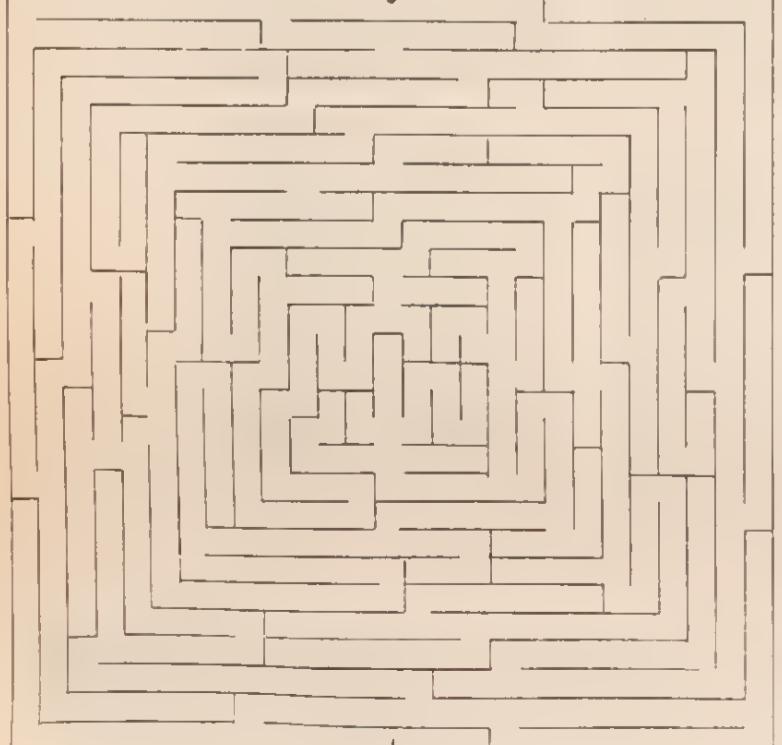
13. Best Picture at the Academy Awards

14. They were singing about One Bad Apple

15. On Sept. 21, yet again, this team is no more.

16. Best New Artist at the Grammys.

## Minute Maze



## Grapevine Puzzler

## They Declared Independence

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	11:30a Senior Shopping	12:30p Senior Bingo 4:30p Sunnydale Tennis 7p El Dorado NBC Meets 9:30a-4p Senior Ceramics	10:30a Senior Crafts	15 9a-3p Sewing Class 3p Beacon Council Meets		10a Friends McLaren Pk
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				13 National School Counselor Day		

## S.F. Recycling Program Wins State Award for Public Education

San Francisco's Recycling Program has received the California Resource Recovery Association's (CRRA) award for the best public education program in the state. The award, which was presented to the program at the statewide recycling organization's annual conference recently in San Diego, honored the many innovative aspects of San Francisco's public education efforts.

The program's efforts resulted in more than five million promotional ex-

posures about recycling last year, reaching each resident of San Francisco an average of more than six times. This included contacting 30,000 residents directly by phone, making more than 70 public presentations, and receiving coverage in more than 250 radio, television, and print stories and articles.

Innovative aspects of the program's school education efforts included the production and airing of animated public service announcements on 12 television stations (the spots were nominated for a regional Emmy award in the public service category); training high school students to work in elementary schools to promote recycling, and sending more than 3,000 students on recycling field trips.

The program also partnered with San Francisco State University to produce a series of television and radio spots that were used for the *Save Money and*

*the Environment Too* campaign, the country's largest regional waste prevention effort.

Another innovative campaign involved partnering with local businesses, including Pasqua Coffee and Patrick's Office Supply to promote waste prevention and reuse messages to downtown office employees.

"We're very pleased to receive recognition for our outreach programs," said Paul Horcher, director of the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program.

### July Task Force Meeting

Visitacion Valley Task Force invites the neighborhood to attend its next regular meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Community Center, 50 Raymond Ave.

## VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE - JULY 1998 - 7 New Survey Reveals Experts Divided About Causes and Cures for Stopping Violent Crime in Our Schools

**Los Angeles** - With shootings, stabbings and other serious assaults increasing in numbers and spreading from urban districts to suburbs and small towns, violence now rivals academics as the top concern for the nation's public schools. Experts consulted by *Kids Safe* are divided about the causes and cures for stopping the violence.

**Kids Safe**, one of the nation's leading non-profit advocacy groups on child education, conducted a confidential survey of 25 experts in the aftermath of recent school shootings across the country. Experts ranged from police chiefs to psychologists, and while most were divided about the cause, all agreed that violence on school campuses is a serious problem and that students should have an anonymous place to warn officials of potential crimes by their peers.

"The survey results are not surprising since Department of Education Officials recognized several years ago that violence and the threat of violence had become such a huge issue that the federal government would have to help schools create safe environments as a prerequisite to academic reform," said Jayne Murphy Shapiro, founder and president of *Kids Safe*.

Professionals surveyed pointed to programs like the one unveiled by Los Angeles City Councilmember Laura Clark and the Los Angeles Unified School District called *Stop Violent Crime in Our Schools* which gives students an anonymous tipline to help spearhead potential violent situations before they occur.

"The protective bubble around schools has been shattered," said Shapiro. "Even as school is ending for the year, violence is still a major con-

### GRAPEVINE WANT-ADS

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cern for parents and children. Kids can't learn in any environment where there's anxiety because of the threat of violence."

**Note:** In June a Stop Violent Crime in Our Schools campaign using *We Tip's* nationally recognized phone number (800) 78-CRIME was unveiled in Los Angeles which allows individuals who want to report information about public crimes, but are reluctant to be identified. *We Tip* documents anonymous crime leads from concerned citizens who would not otherwise contact anyone due to their fears and then forwards the information to the appropriate enforcement agency. More than 500 school districts throughout the nation have worked with *We Tip* to increase the safety of students.

### Weekly Program Will Have Documentaries With Bay Area Ties

BayTV will premiere *Moving Images*, a weekly program showcasing documentary films on Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 p.m. on Cable 35.

*Moving Images* will feature works by Bay Area filmmakers and documentaries with a Bay Area focus. The show will also present encore presentations of documentaries produced by KRON-TV as well as works which feature footage from KRON's vast video archive.

The weekly showcase will kick off with *Berkeley in the '60s*, a two-hour documentary about the turbulent decade when Berkeley was the center of racial activism in America. *The Legend of Bop City* by Carol Chamberland will air July 18, and *Port Chicago Mutiny* is scheduled for July 25.

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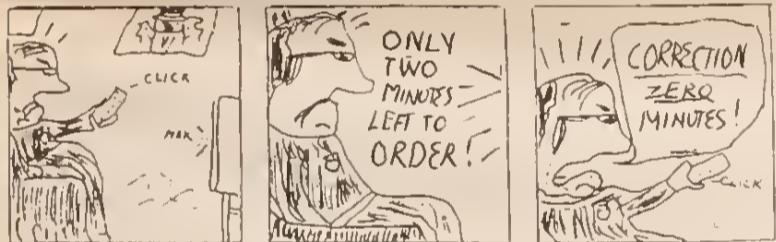
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- CUPIO FLORIST, 36 Leland Ave., 585-7766
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## **Don't Let Barbecue Season Become Food Poisoning Season**

If you plan to fire up the barbecue this summer, keep food safety in mind, especially if children will be eating grilled food, recommends food safety experts consulted by *Kids Safe*.

"Food-borne illnesses skyrocket during barbecue season," said Jayne Shapiro, founder and president of *Kids Safe*. "Cases of food poisoning peak between June and August, with the highest incidence occurring among children 4 years old and younger."

It's up to people to prepare meals to properly handle and cook raw animal products and other foods that harbor harmful bacteria, the major cause of food poisoning. Symptoms of food-

borne illness include stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches and fever. In healthy adults, symptoms usually last only a day or two. But infants and young children, as well as the elderly, pregnant women and people with impaired immune systems, can develop life-threatening complications.

"Hamburger is particularly risky for carrying a strain of bacteria known as *E. coli*," explained Shapiro. "In January 1993, three children died and more than 400 people became ill after eating undercooked ground beef contaminated with the bacteria. Children who eat meat contaminated with *E. coli* are at particular risk of developing kidney failure and a condition known as Hemolytic Uraemic Syndrome, which can be fatal."

"If you feed a child raw or undercooked ground meat, you may be signing that child's death certificate," she warned. "Even a tiny amount of this bacteria can contaminate a whole batch of ground beef. Treat raw meat, fish and poultry products as though they are contaminated, even though they may not be."

A good rule of thumb is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. "The optimum temperature range for bacterial growth is 60 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit, so leave meat and other foods in the cooler or refrigerator until you're ready to grill or eat them," said Shapiro. Proper cooking will kill harmful bacteria. "Cook hamburgers and other ground meat until the center is no longer pink and the juices run clear. Never eat raw or undercooked ground meat, and discard raw or cooked meat

that has been unrefrigerated for more than two hours."

Avoid cross-contamination. When handling meat, keep juices from dripping on other foods and food containers. It's a good idea to shape burgers ahead of time rather than handling raw ground beef in the barbecue site. Never place cooked meat or any other food on the same plate with raw meat. Any containers, cutting boards or utensils used to prepare raw meat for the outdoor grill

should be washed before being used again. In addition, always wash your hands in warm, soapy water before and after handling meat.

Treat leftovers with caution. Immediately refrigerate or chill perishable foods. "If hot or cold items remain outside for more than an hour, discard them," said Shapiro. "Eating undercooked food just isn't worth the risk to your health."



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### **Agenda for Little Hollywood/Sanitary Fill Company/City Meeting**

7 p.m. July 22, 1998  
at Schlage Lock Company

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Discussion of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Quarterly Report Data (January-March 1998)
- III. Discussion of Neighborhood Responder Training Sanitary Fill Company will send letter describing NERT Training to solicit neighborhood interest. Sanitary Fill Company will facilitate meeting space upon identification of interested parties.
- IV. Discussion of San Francisco's Used Motor Oil Collection Program, Hazardous Waste Management Program
- V. Evacuation Drill July 30th-Sanitary Fill

Next Meeting: To be Announced

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